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PRISON TERMS METED OUT TO THE BUNDRIDGES

J. Walter Bundridge and his brother, Vern, former president and cashier of the defunct Farmers and Merchants bank, were sentenced to the Missouri penitentiary late Monday, when they pleaded guilty to three counts each on grand jury indictments of embezzlement.

Walter Bundridge, the corpulent and gay bank president, was sentenced to a ten-year prison term. Vern, younger brother, president of the Lions' club of Moberly and leader of the "younger set," was given a five-year penitentiary term.

Pleaded Guilty

In their arraignment before Judge A. W. Walker late Monday the bankers withdrew their former pleas of not guilty and calmly admitted guilt on three counts each.

On the first count Judge Walker sentenced Walter Bundridge to five years in the penitentiary—the maximum penalty. On the second count the former president drew the minimum penalty, a three-year sentence. A two-year term was attached to the third plea of guilty.

Rolling his big blond head in his characteristic way, Walter Bundridge stood smiling while sentence was passed.

Minimum Penalty of Vern

Vern Bundridge—believed by many to be the dupe of his older brother—was given the minimum sentence of five years on all three counts. He stood quietly by and displayed no emotion.

More than 100 indictments, charging forgery in connection with the looting of the bank, were returned by a Randolph county grand jury in June.

More than \$400,000 in forged paper was found in the wrecked institution by deputies of the state finance commissioner in May.

Attorney Advises Pleas

It was the advice of their attorney Major Lilley of Moberly, that Walter and Vern Bundridge pleaded guilty in the circuit court to counts of forgery aggregating \$107,000.

Walter Bundridge is 43 years old and married. He has an 18-year-old son, Eldon, Moberly high school student. Vern Bundridge is 32 and a widower of a few months.

A large but undemonstrative crowd filled the court room while sentence was passed. Near Walter Bundridge stood his pale wife, a sufferer of tuberculosis for years.

Oak Hunter, representing the depositors of the looted bank, spoke at some length before sentence was passed. He declared the two banker brothers had made no effort while in jail at Huntsville to aid in untangling the affairs of the closed bank.

Took \$4,000 Before Flight

He also declared that \$4,000 taken by Walter Bundridge a few minutes before his motor car flight from town, while bank examiners waited for him in the bank vault, had never been accounted for.

Prosecution on the other counts should not stop here, he said.

The Farmers' and Merchants' bank closed its doors on May 11, 1922, with the escape of Walter Bundridge in his sporty Hudson roadster.

After a flight leading from Chicago over the Northern states, the bank president surrendered in Iowa to his invalid wife—whom he had spurned in his successes—his attorney and Redick O'Bryan, county prosecutor.

Wine and Women Worshipper

O'Bryan, it is understood, agreed to the light sentence imposed upon the prominent brothers upon the agreement that they would not force jury trials.

The love affairs and carousals of the 200-pound bank president at the "Green Tree Inn" in Moberly and in Kansas City apartment houses is now history in every household in Moberly.

Liquor, brunette women and black-spotted dice led to the downfall of the respectable married man and Moberly financier, Walter Bundridge has since confessed.

While Walter, bank head, played to the "rounders" and sporting element of Moberly for their deposits, the more retiring Vern danced his way into popularity among the social leaders of the Randolph county metropolis.

T. E. Clemmons and W. E. Gibson of Jefferson City were visitors in Keytesville Wednesday.

FORELADY AT FACTORY STABBED WITH SCISSORS

Yesterday morning shortly after work started in the Brown Shoe Factory, Mrs. Emma Hutchinson, assistant forewoman, and Mrs. Mattie Newton had some words over some work done on a shoe by Mrs. Newton.

It is reported that for some time there has been strained feelings between the two women and the dispute which started with warm words waxed warmer until shoes were used as missiles and then Mrs. Hutchinson is alleged to have got Mrs. Newton down.

The sad climax came when the latter jabbed her scissors into Mrs. Hutchinson's side.

The points of the scissors separated over a rib; one point entering the abdominal cavity and the other the pleural cavity.

Mrs. Hutchinson was taken to the McCormick hospital.

Yesterday afternoon her condition was so serious a warrant was issued for Mrs. Newton, who lives on South Clark street and she was placed in the custody of an officer until today.

Last evening, it was said at the hospital that the patient was resting easier, but her condition had serious possibilities.—Sunday Moberly Democrat.

TENOR AND VIOLINIST



Lul Ring is an all around musician. He has been tenor soloist with big singing organizations, is an excellent violinist and also a composer.

FUNERAL AND BURIAL OF BRAM BELCHER

Bram Belcher, the man who was found dead at the end of West Reed street Friday afternoon, came to his death by taking carbolic acid. He is thought to have been dead about 15 hours when his body was found.

Deceased was born March 28, 1865. His wife died about twenty years ago. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Ernest Wright, Mrs. S. L. Payton; two sons, Jesse J. and Sam R. Belcher, all of Salisbury; two brothers, Sam Belcher, near Rennie; Park Belcher, Kingman, Kan.; one sister Mrs. Katherine Gardner, Warrensburg.

The body was taken to Salisbury and a short funeral service was held at the grave in the Bailey cemetery at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, conducted by Rev. J. F. Rice.—Moberly Democrat.

CROP PRODUCTION DISPLAYS

Crop production displays will feature the exhibit of the University of Missouri at the Missouri State Fair, August 19 to 26. W. C. Etheridge of the field crops department of the college of Agriculture is chairman of the committee on University exhibits.

Practices that pay will be demonstrated. These include demonstrations on control of plant diseases, the destruction of insects, the use of better seed, and means for more profitable combination of crops. Soy beans, clover, and alfalfa growing will be illustrated with material, pictures and figures throwing light on problems connected with these crops.

SUMMER POME

Ship me somewhere north of Frisco,
Where the cooling breezes blow;
Where the sea is filled with icebergs
And the land is white with snow.
For the summer sun has fried me
And it's burned me, through and through.
And I'm sick of people asking:
"Is it hot enough for you?"

NEW DETACHMENT OF NATIONAL GUARDS

A new detachment of the national guards arrived here yesterday to relieve the men who have been on duty in the local shop yards.

The new arrivals, 300 in number, are the first battalion of the 140th United States infantry. The new men arrived shortly before 2 o'clock and came from Nevada where they have been attending the state encampment.

They are commanded by Col. W. L. Mabrey, and left Nevada yesterday, coming here by way of Macon.

The arrival of the new troops was without any incident of interest. The train stopped for a while at Union Station and part of the men formed and marched to the yards, while the rest stayed in the train until it was run up north of the Y. M. C. A.

The usual Sunday crowd was at the station, but only a passing interest was taken in the maneuvers of the soldiers.

Men of the former Third and Sixth regiments make up 140th infantry. Many of these men are acquainted in Moberly, some of them appear to be mere boys. Others served with good records in the World War as members of the Thirty-fifth division, and were on the battle front for more than six months.

The commanding colonel said he had no statement to make until he had been here long enough to get a knowledge of the local situation.

Col. Williams and the men of the 203rd battalion expect to spend ten days at the encampment at Nevada doing night firing on the range.—Moberly Democrat.

FIRE LOSS OF \$1,200

About two o'clock Wednesday morning the barn used for a storage room in the rear of the Freeman second hand store was found to be on fire. It was a total loss, with some of the contents, second hand goods, mostly hardware. Freeman's loss was around \$200, and the barn was worth in the neighborhood of \$1,200. It was owned by W. N. Wheeler, who had \$400 insurance on it. The good work of the fireman prevented the flames from doing further damage.—Mercedine Herald.

THE NEW FIRE TRUCK

A streak of dazzling red flashed up Kansas avenue Tuesday just at noon. It was fire chief Jackson at the wheel of the new fire truck, which he had just driven over from Macon where it was painted.

It is a splendid piece of fire fighting equipment, complete in every detail, and provides a better means for fighting fires than Marceline has yet had. It will be kept ready for action at all times.—Marceline Herald.

A HUSBAND EVERY MONTH

Chicago.—Pretty Rora Loeb had a system all her own for acquiring and firing husbands, she told the police.

"Sure," said Rora, "I keep my husbands thirty days, and then return 'em, just as it says in the marriage license. Then I get a new license and a new husband."

Rora, the authorities say, has broken all records for "marriages," averaging close to twelve "husbands" a year through her own little system, which she declares she thought was what the marriage license meant when it said "Return this in thirty days." Rora still is unconvinced that what's meant is to return the license, not the husband.

Officials in New York, Indiana, Illinois, Wyoming and South Dakota are adding up the number of licenses Rora obtained for these informal alliances, and Rora boasts that when the last spouses will add up to something like the total vote for a small town school board.

It is said that we can, by cultivating patience and schooling ourselves in philosophy, get used to anything. And so we, a child-loving people, have gradually become used to a childless White House. It may even be possible that in time we might reconcile ourselves to a dog-less White House and a golf-less president.

Mrs. L. E. Gardner and son Herbert Green of Cheney, Kan., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Temple last week.

JENKINS OF BOGARD SOLD TO CHICAGO SOX

Johnnie Jenkins of Bogard, this year Rockford, in the Three-I ball league, has been sold to Chicago White Sox for \$3,500 and players involved.

Last year with Cedar Rapids in the Three-I league, Jenkins played great ball and was the leading third baseman of the league, and took the eye of the Milwaukee club of the American Association scouts and was purchased by that club who sold him to Joplin in the Western Association without a chance to make good. Denver, of the Western league purchased him from Joplin. Jenkins started this season as their regular third baseman. Weather conditions were bad during most of his spring training and he failed to get in condition while with the Denver club, and the club is still the joke of the league. Jenkins disgusted with playing with a cellar team quit the Denver club and came home. Denver sold him to the Rockford, Ill., club in the Three-I league, with which he has starred all season. His batting been a feature, hitting for above .300 and leading all third base men in fielding.

Jenkins achievements have been handicapped at times, but he has come through in good shape. Let's all pull for this Carroll County boy that he will make good in his new position.—Carrollton Democrat.

AGAINST

Jefferson City, Mo., Aug. 2.—"Be-ware of the seed peddler" is the warning issued by Secretary Jewell Mayes of the Missouri State Board of Agriculture. The traveling order taker is abroad in the land, and the country is being plastered with propaganda purposed to sell wheat of uncertain purity and doubtful adaptability, grown in other states and offered at too high prices.

As the administrative officer of the Missouri seed-labeling law Mayes is in practical position to visualize the situation and to know how many farmers have been fleeced by certain interstate advertisers during the past two years.

All agricultural organizations, dealers, and millers are urged to join hands against the seed-wheat grafters. Farmers should sow better wheat than the average man is raising—but that better seed wheat should be wheat grown and acclimated within the state.

FARM NOTES

Your county agent is spending a few days this week at Cape Girardeau where a big celebration is being held for ten years of Farm Bureau work in Missouri. Thousands of farmers and all county agents of Missouri will be present. Mr. Howard of Iowa, the president of the National Farm Bureau will be present to make an address. The same will be reported in next week's notices.

Farm Day Tour a Success

Our four-day trip over Chariton county was considered a success by all who went along. From five to twenty-five automobiles were in line carrying the folks from one farm to another. Many lessons were learned from the good live stock and alfalfa and soy bean fields visited. Several times we heard men remark that they had seen something that paid them for making the trip. All considered it will be worth while to plan to run it next year.

Limestone Interest

Much interest is being shown in the use of ground limestone for sweetening sour soil and eight car loads of this have been ordered as follows: one car each of the following places: Salisbury, Keytesville, Dalton, Brunswick, Triplett, Whitman, Windom and Rothville.

Call the Farm Bureau office. There might be some left over somewhere.

R. D. JAY, Co. Agt.

STOLE A MARCH ON KEYTESVILLE FRIENDS

Tuesday night Ole Gordon, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Gordon stole a march on his friends when he slipped down to Brunswick and was married by the Lutheran preacher at this town. The bride is Miss Florence Nye, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. L. O. Nye of Keytesville.

The many friends of this worthy couple were taken unawares, but are, nevertheless, ready to extend congratulations, best wishes and hopes of a long and happy married life.

SEDALIA AND SALISBURY BASEBALL AT SALISBURY

Next Sunday at Salisbury the Sedalia base ball teams clash for what is advertised as the greatest professional base ball game in Missouri this year.

"Curley" Brown will appear on the mound for Sedalia, and "Red" Shackelford for Salisbury. These two pitchers are having the fight of their lives with each other. Thus far the breakers of the game have favored the Sedalia pitcher, and Sunday's game will be for blood.

Admission, 50c including the war tax. Grand stand seats 10c extra. It is announced by the management that 2000 extra seats have been provided to take care of the mammoth overflow.

The game is called for 2:30 o'clock sharp, instead of at 3 o'clock as in all previous contests.

MAIL AT THE FAIR GROUNDS

Secretary W. D. Smith of the Missouri State Fair, to be held this year August 19 to 26, has completed arrangements with the post office department for a branch post office to be located on the state fair grounds during the fair this year.

Visitors to the fair may have their mail addressed to them at the Missouri State Fair grounds. Residents of White City, the tent city, may have their mail come addressed to them in White City, Sedalia, Missouri, and it will be delivered to their tent.

Various organizations having rest tents at the fair will furnish free writing material and places where the visitors may write their letters.

NARROW ESCAPE IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

Louis Eisberg and family of northwest of town had a narrow escape from serious injury Tuesday morning about 11 o'clock, when their car was hit by an Essex, at the turn in the road east of the Bailey cemetery. Mr. Eisberg was coming up the road that leads east toward the creek and the other car was coming from the west. Mr. Eisberg had not gotten into the main road when his car was hit. The left front wheel of his car and the fender were smashed. The Essex was not greatly damaged. Mr. Eisberg did not get the name of the driver of the car, but has the license number. Mr. Eisberg and family were badly shaken up, but not seriously injured.—Press-Spectator.

FROM SUMNER STAR

Mrs. P. W. Post was painfully bruised when she was thrown from a buggy last Saturday afternoon about 3 o'clock. She was enroute home from town and just east of Glen Smith's. Dave Smart's team, which had been left standing in the road while Dave went into Smith's for a drink of water, became frightened and ran into Mrs. Post's buggy.

The Sumner ball team suffered its first shut out of the season last Sunday when Triplett won from them at that place 6 to 0. The Sumner boys claim they were beaten all right, but would have scored but for a couple of bad decisions by the umpire. Sumner goes to Brookfield Sunday to play the Shoe Factory team.

Whitehead Beach, which was temporarily closed because of high water, was reopened to the public Sunday.

J. A. Dunnigan on Wednesday purchased the Wm. Grimsley property in Cunningham.

POULTRY SHOW TO BE A FEATURE OF STATE FAIR

Sedalia, Mo., Aug. 10.—Plans are rapidly being completed for a mammoth poultry show to be held at the Missouri State Fair this year, August 19 to 26. The poultry building at the Fair Grounds is one of the best of its kind in the country and the \$1,500 offered in premiums is expected to bring many of the best birds in the state to the fair. Entries in this department closes August 12.

V. O. Hobbs of Kansas City will superintend this department. E. C. Branch of Lees Summit and C. T. Patterson of Springfield have been appointed as judges. As usual the utility breeds are featured.

Mrs. Dale S. Flowers returned to her home in Albany, Mo., Thursday, after spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Wallace Applegate.

MOBERLY LIGHTS AGAINST SHORTAGE OF COAL

The Liberty Coal Company's mines southwest of town closed again yesterday at 5 p. m. as a result of an order from Arch Helm, president of District 25 of the United States Mine Workers.

An agreement was reached some time ago whereby the District No. 25, under a special contract, agreed to mine enough coal at the Liberty mines to supply the Moberly Light and Power Co.

Yesterday the president of this district issued orders to the men to stop work until the troops were removed.

Accordingly work at the mine was stopped at 5 o'clock, Clyde Reighard, general manager of the Liberty Coal Co., said.

The Moberly Light and Power Co. consumes about a carload of coal a day.

Besides furnishing the city with light and gas the company furnishes the electric current for the water-works.

Higbee, Huntsville and Cairo also are furnished electric current from the local plant.

The power company has some coal on hand at the present time.—Sunday Moberly Democrat.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Chapman and daughter, Eleanor Dean, returned to their home in Kansas City Thursday after a visit with his mother, Mrs. Dean Chapman.

A VERSATILE ENTERTAINER



Mary Ellen Anderson is a reader, pianist, violinist and singer. Her readings are chiefly short humorous numbers. She appears at our Chautauqua with Mr. Lul Ring, the two forming the most versatile two-person company playing on Chautauqua.

MOBERLY HAS THREE FIRES FRIDAY OF LAST WEEK

At 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon the fire department was called to the home of Mrs. R. H. Freelin, 418 Franklin avenue, whose barn was on fire. The men laid their lines of chemical hose and held down the blaze until the water hose was laid. The barn was used as a storage for the carpenter tools belonging to the late R. H. Freelin and all the doors were kept locked, so the origin of the fire is unknown.

The building was damaged possibly \$500 and loss on contents \$100.

At 3 o'clock while the water was still playing over the burning building and the men just completing the reloading of the chemical truck to be ready for another fire the call came. It was said that all the rear of O. R. Nise's store on East Coates street was on fire. Instead it was a shed owned by Mr. Nise and located just back of the East Side candy store. It is thought this was set afire by boys smoking cigarettes. The loss is estimated at \$100.

Yesterday afternoon at 1:35 p. m. the department was called to 304 Hinton avenue, where another barn was burning. This belonged to Ed Broadbuss. The loss is estimated at \$250. The barn had hay in it and boys smoking cigarettes set the place ablaze. A nearby garage belonging to Mr. Rumsey also caught fire and was damaged to the extent of \$100.—Moberly Democrat.

There will be an ice cream supper at the Scribner school house Friday night Aug. 11th. Rev. Marian DeWeese, has been holding services there once a month, and this supper is to raise funds to help carry on the church work. Every one is cordially invited to come.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Knipmeyer and son, of Alma, Mo., came Friday for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Williams.